

Senator Jon Tester is Working to Keep

Public Lands in Public Hands

Our public lands are what make Montana the Treasure State. They're the heart of our outdoor way of life and the backbone of our economy, supporting more than 70,000 jobs and generating \$7 billion a year. Jon meets regularly with thousands of Montanans face-to-face and he knows where they stand on this issue. That's why he's leading the fight to keep our public lands in public hands.

Investing in Outdoor Recreation

Over the last 50 years, **the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has invested more than \$540 million in Montana's outdoor recreation economy**—at no cost to taxpayers. That's because funding for LWCF comes from offshore oil and gas revenue, which is then reinvested in projects that preserve and increase access to our public lands. Jon fought to secure \$425 million in funding for LWCF this year, while also introducing **a bipartisan bill to permanently reauthorize and fully fund the critical conservation initiative for future generations.**

Protecting the Doorstep of Yellowstone

After two mining companies announced plans to expand their operations near Yellowstone National Park, locals approached Jon about coming up with plan to protect the region's natural resources and growing outdoor economy. Over the next two years, **Jon worked with residents and small-business owners to craft the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act.** This bipartisan bill will permanently withdraw federal mineral rights on 30,000 acres of public land in the Gallatin National Forest—adjacent to Yellowstone National Park—and prevent proposed mines from expanding onto unclaimed public land. **There are some places you just shouldn't dig or drill, the doorstep of our nation's first National Park is one of them.**

Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act

For almost a decade loggers, conservationists, outfitters, and sportsmen have collaborated on the Blackfoot-Clearwater Stewardship Project (BCSP), a three-pronged approach to forest management in the region. After securing funding for the first prong of the project—sustainable timber harvest—Jon introduced a bill to implement the conservation and recreation initiatives outlined by the project. **The Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act is a made-in-Montana solution that will protect 79,000 acres of land and open thousands of acres to recreation.** It's supported by two-thirds of Montanans because it will create jobs, strengthen the local economy, and preserve our outdoor way of life for generations to come.

Funding the Fight Against Wildfires

For years, the U.S. Forest Service has seen its budget ravaged by growing wildfire costs, draining the resources it needs to manage our forests. Today **the Forest Service spends more than half of its budget fighting wildfires** and the more it spends on wildfires, the less it can spend on critical maintenance, mitigation, and restoration work. That's why **Jon successfully fought to pass a long-term funding fix** that gives the Forest Service access to the same emergency funding used to respond to other natural disasters. Jon's fix will put Forest Service resources back into managing our forests—where they belong.

America's Best Idea

Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks support Montana's economy **spurring hundreds of millions of dollars in spending in and around the Parks.** That's why Jon has fought to help secure an extra \$138 million for deferred maintenance and construction throughout our National Parks. And when the Department of the Interior recently proposed doubling entrance fees at Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, **Jon fought tooth and nail to keep prices low so folks can afford access to their public lands.**

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